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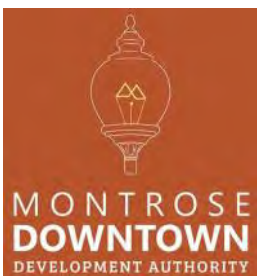
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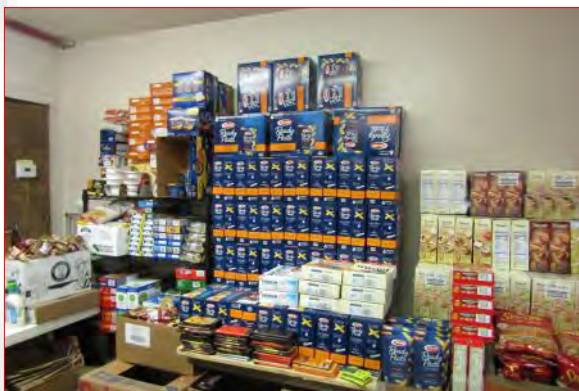


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SHEPHERD'S HAND TO LEAVE MADA, SEEK NEW LOCATION FOR DAY SHELTER SERVICES



Though the Shepherd's Hand is moving its day shelter from the MADA facility and seeking a new location, service will not be interrupted at other locations served by Shepherd's Hand, including the food bank at Cedar Creek Church (above).

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- At a community meeting held at the Mexican American Development Association (MADA) facility on Jan. 31, Shepherd's Hand Board Chair Garey Martinez officially announced that the Shepherd's Hand non-profit will no longer run its daytime shelter program from the MADA location at 17 North 6th Street in Montrose. Though a new location has not been selected at this time, "We have a couple of options," Martinez said.

[Shepherd's Hand](#) has operated out of the MADA building since 2011, providing breakfast and lunch seven days a week, and day shelter services including laundry, showers, and lockers, to a growing community of those in need. In addition to Shepherd's

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SECURE SCHOOLS PROMOTE SUCCESS: WESTERN SLOPE YOUTH SAFETY SYMPOSIUM SET FOR MAY 9

Mirror staff report

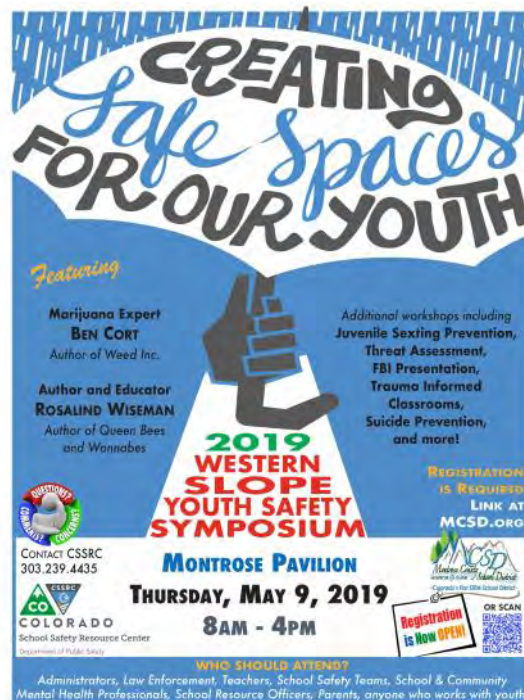
MONTROSE-According to the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, "providing a safe environment that is welcoming to all students creates an atmosphere where academic success is possible."

In keeping with that concept, "Creating Safer Spaces for our Youth" will be the focus when the 2019 Western Slope Youth Safety Symposium comes to the Montrose Pavilion on May 9. The one-day symposium can accommodate up to 250 enrollees, and runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Workshops will cover topics like threat assessment, suicide prevention, juvenile sexting prevention, and more.

RE-1J schools are partnering with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center to host the event, Exceptional Student Services Transition Coordinator Matt Jenkins said. Content will be geared toward both practitioners and service providers, as well as law enforcement

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SHEPHERD'S HAND TO LEAVE MADA, SEEK NEW LOCATION FOR DAY SHELTER SERVICES From pg 1

Hand, Martinez now serves on the board of the non-profit overnight homeless shelter, Montrose Lighthouse, which operates from the former Brown Center facility. Shepherd's Hand provides evening meals at the Lighthouse Shelter.

In a prepared summary of Shepherd's Hand's 2018 "Value to the Community," the organization's goal is listed as providing individuals and families with housing, food, clothing, day-time and night-time shelter, and assistance transitioning to employment and life off the streets. In 2018, Shepherd's Hand provided \$427,845 in meals, from the MADA location as well as from locations at the House of Promise, the Lighthouse Shelter, Cedar Creek Church, and First Presbyterian Church. Also provided were showers (\$10,650); laundry services (\$5,915); financial assistance (\$18,599); overnight shelter at the Lighthouse Shelter (\$40,475) and shelter at a local hotel (\$9,810). With expenses of \$67,848, Shepherd's Hand returned \$513,394 in services to the community. Still, Shepherd's Hand has no paid staff, and "I didn't write a single grant," Martinez said.

"We will serve the last hot breakfast and lunch meal (at MADA) on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019," Martinez said in a letter dated Jan. 31, 2019 and addressed to the MADA Board of Directors. "The Shepherd's Hand, Inc. will remove all equipment and supplies from the MADA facility no later than

February 28, 2019."

Shepherd's Hand will continue services at other locations, including food and coffee at the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans Warrior Resource Center and food bank services at Cedar Creek Church, as it pursues a new location for its day shelter.

Longtime MADA Director Beth Reidelier has agreed to make showers, laundry facilities, and coffee available during the hours MADA is open to the public, Martinez said, though MADA could not be reached for verification by press time.

MADA was founded in 1972, as a non-profit organization funded through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). MADA lists its mission as emergency assistance, and is known for operating a free "closet," in which used clothing is made available to the community. Over the past decade, MADA has also housed other non-profit entities at its facility, including the non-profit Christ's Kitchen and the Shepherd's Hand.

MADA's [2016 Form 990](#) lists the organization's principal activities as providing energy cost assistance services for low-income persons and assistance for veterans and homeless people.

DOLA Chief Administrative Officer Natrice Bryant responded to questions regarding MADA's services and provided the following statement:

"MADA is a sub-grantee that the Depart-

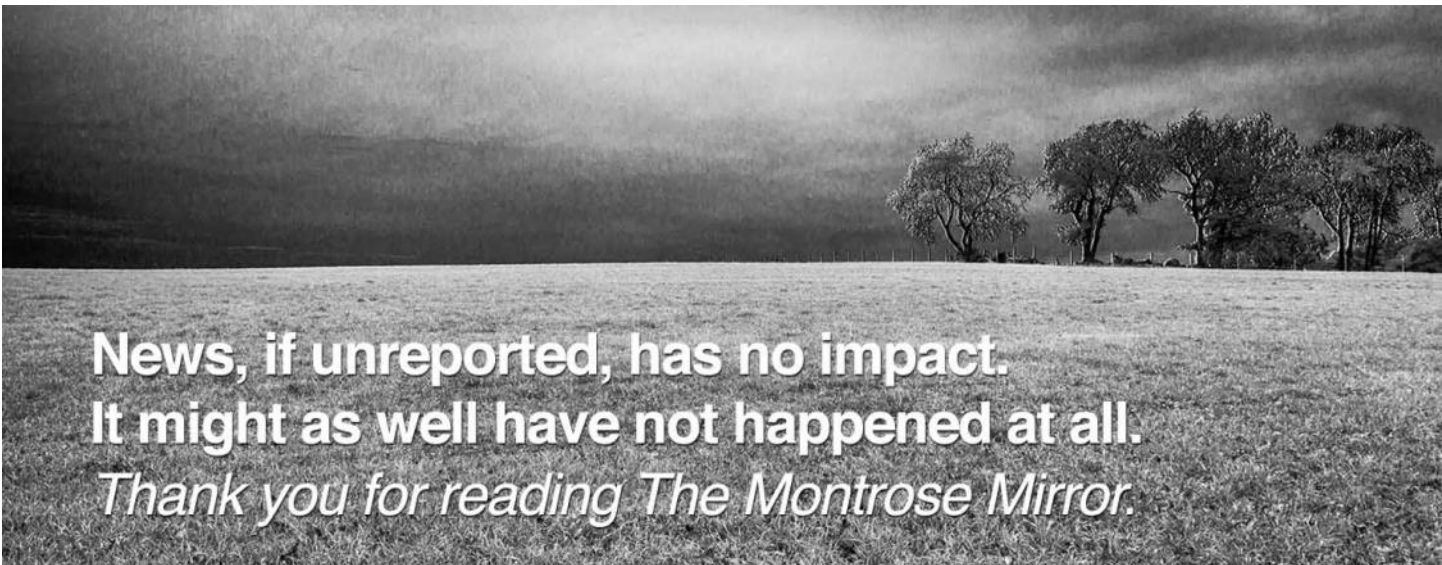
ment of Local Affairs has worked with for over 10 years in the federal Community Development Block Grant (CSBG) program. MADA is a multi-service agency covering Montrose, San Miguel and Ouray. They were a CSBG grantee between 2012 and 2016. CSBG funding is given in three-year award cycles and grantees are monitoring on a three-year schedule in compliance with federal requirements.

-In the cycle 2012-2015, a total of \$241,086 was granted to MADA, which is roughly \$80,362 a year.

-In 2015-2018, \$246,891 was granted to MADA; in 2015 and 2016 they received \$82,297 each year.

"MADA's program for CSBG consists of one-time assistance payments to stabilize households in Montrose County experiencing poverty. The program provides emergency services to clients in the form of rent and utility assistance, clothing, help buying prescriptions and other medical assistance, transportation and food boxes.

"MADA was last monitored by DOLA in October of 2016 and found to be in compliance with no concerns and since this time as they have implemented several no programmatic requirements. The program also provides training and routinely meets with MADA. The department is on schedule this year to conduct monitoring on February 21, 2019."



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OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

NO MORE WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS IN WESTERN COLORADO

Editor:

Do you own a 4-wheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motor bike or other motorized vehicle that you take into the mountains around Ouray? Do you enjoy recreating in this manner in Ouray County and, probably, spending some time and money in this little mountain village?

If so, you better enjoy it this season or next, as 11,500+ acres immediately around Ouray are part of the proposed Whitehouse Wilderness Addition (East). It is not clear from either documentation or maps which off pavement roads in the Ouray would be affected. In addition, this new act includes 2,400+ acres specifically

called The Last Dollar Wilderness. Does this indicate we may lose access to Last Dollar road, one of the most popular off pavement roads in the area? I, for one, would hate to see this happen as I would hate to see Yankee Boy Basin and other areas closed to motorized recreation.

The 1980 Colorado wilderness legislation specifically excluded these areas from further review for designation as wilderness. However, here we are again with our Congress people wanting to designate lands as wilderness. We, the citizens of Colorado, have previously indicated these lands should be excluded from that designation. In fact, some of these lands have

been found unsuitable for designation as wilderness for more than 50 years by USFS, USGS and the Bureau of Mines.

The Department of Commerce has recently concluded that motorized recreation almost outspends all other user groups combined. If off pavement roads in the Ouray area are closed due to a wilderness designation, the lack of motorized recreation income would have a negative impact on the economies of Ouray and, even, Montrose.

In addition to the economic impact, ever expanding federal wilderness is not in the best interest of many western Colorado residents. Many of us in the AARP genera-

tion can no longer hike miles and miles to enjoy these areas. Many Wounded Warriors will be forever barred from visiting these public lands when mechanized recreation is forbidden. Instead of preserving the land, wilderness designations prohibit certain categories of people from ever being able to enjoy these areas.

I strongly urge you to contact your congressional representative and let them know we do not need or want more wilderness designations in western Colorado.

Ruth L. Sendecki, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

HB 19-1032 NOT A MANDATE; SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOT REQUIRED TO TEACH SEX ED



By Colorado State Senator Don Coram

There has been lots of conversation on House Bill 19-1032, Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education. I have been asked why in the world would you sponsor such a bill. The answer is simple math. 33, 18 and 1. It takes 33 votes to pass

a bill out of the House, Democrats have 41. 18 votes to pass a bill out of the Senate. Democrats have 19. 1 Governor to sign and he is also a Democrat. Thus, if I want to help craft a bill that protects Colorado statute, religious views, parental rights, school districts and local control, it is best served if I am at the table.

To answer some of the questions that have arisen. Does this bill require districts to teach kids about gay sex? No. It requires districts that choose to teach sex ed ensure all students, including LGBTQ students, learn about condoms, HIV and STDs, healthy relationships, etc.

Does this bill require districts to teach kids about abortion? No. It requires districts that choose to teach students about pregnancy outcomes include conversations about all possible options, including adoption, safe abortions, safe haven laws,

and parenting.

Do schools and districts need to teach sex ed? Not at all. But if they do, it needs to be complete and medically accurate.

Does this bill prohibit schools from talking about abstinence? No. In fact, abstinence is a required component of complete sex ed.

Does this bill require that toddlers be taught sex ed? No. This bill requires all sex ed to be age-appropriate. That means before a student reaches fourth grade, they only receive health education related to "personal hygiene, healthy habits, healthy emotional expression, positive self-concept and respect of others, healthy relationships with adults and peers, respecting personal space and boundaries, interpersonal communication skills, and personal safety." Comprehensive sex ed that includes information about abstinence, birth control, STD prevention, sexual orientation, and consent is for older students.

Isn't this an unfunded mandate? No. It does not mandate that any school teach sex ed. For those that choose to, it offers state funding opportunities.

Current law provides for a comprehensive human sexuality education grant program. This bill clarifies previous legislation already passed. HB 07-1292, HB-08-194, HB-08-212, HB 13-1081. In addition, in 2009 the Colorado State Board of Educa-

tion adopted comprehensive academic content standards health education standards. In 2018, the Colorado state board of education adopted academic content standards for comprehensive health education, including physical and personal wellness, social and emotional wellness, and prevention and risk management. However, it is not mandated.

It is imperative that we clarify that this is not a mandate. School Districts are not required to teach sex ed, but if a district chooses to teach sex ed, anything but comprehensive sex ed is already a violation of State law. I repeat a school district is not required to teach sex ed. In a district that chooses to teach sex ed, a parent shall have the option to withdraw their child from any such class. To be truly comprehensive it should not stigmatize or shame those against what their home and religion teaches as norms. Please note that this bill is still working its way through the other chamber and our chance to amend the bill is yet to come. So please stay tuned.

I want to offer my sincere gratitude to those who have called me personally to discuss the bill. It is disappointing that others chose to ridicule and speculate as to my reason for sponsoring this bill. Many of whom espouse the Christian principle of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



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BLM PLANS FOR PRESCRIBED BURNS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit plans to conduct slash pile burning within the Uncompahgre and Tres Rios Field Offices as early as February 4, 2019, or as conditions allow.

Approximately 50 slash piles are planned for burning six miles east of Delta. Additionally, 15 slash piles are planned to be burned west of Cortez.

The prescribed burning may take multiple days to complete once initiated and will be monitored closely to ensure public safety. While smoke may be visible in the area at times, most of the smoke will lift and dissipate during the warmest parts of the day.

The BLM obtained a smoke permit from the Colorado State Air Pollution Control Division, which identifies atmospheric conditions under which the burn can be implemented. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

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MONTROSE METHADONE CLINIC NOW A SHORT-TERM MEMORY



A methadone clinic on South Townsend Avenue stands empty, having opened and closed in less than a year.



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On April 17, 2017, a front-page article in the *Montrose Daily Press* quoted City of Montrose and Montrose Chamber of Commerce officials about the opening of a Montrose methadone clinic operated by Colorado Treatment Services, LLC (CTS) of Colorado Springs. The article stated that CTS Director Bryan Tabakian had “met with City leaders a number of times, as well as with service organizations.” Tabakian gave a community presentation on April 19, 2017 at Heidi’s Brooklyn Deli, and presented to Montrose Rotary Club as well.

“...The City and the Chamber are in full support,” Rosty stated in the *Daily Press* article. “We’re looking forward to having it here.”

Said then Montrose Mayor Judy Ann Files, “They get lots of Counseling; there’s family support. It’s a whole big package. I think it will be good for the Montrose community and our region.”

Just before the clinic’s official opening day of Oct. 31, 2017, “All of our licenses are in place, and we are ready to open,” CTS administrator Beth Schneider told the *Mirror*. “We are happy to start seeing patients from Montrose and the surrounding area. It has been a long time coming, and

this is definitely a needed service.”

The Montrose Methadone Clinic was open only briefly however, closing for good in less than a year.

Today, [Tabakian](#) is no longer with Colorado Treatment Services, instead listing his occupation on Facebook as “Campus Pastor at CHIPS, Church for Imperfect People,” with Colorado Treatment Services listed as a past occupation.

Phone calls to Colorado Treatment Services home office did not result in any new information; the receptionist had no knowledge of a Montrose location or of Tabakian, and calls to the current director were not returned.

Former Montrose Mayor Judy Ann Files now has questions.

“They came in, were in business about six weeks, and closed,” Files said.

“Supposedly the selling point was that the State of Colorado asked him to put a clinic here. I met with him and Chelsea at Proximity Space about six months before they came.”

Files said she has been asking around to find out what went wrong. “I tried to ask some people, but nobody knew,” she said. “They just closed.”

Former Chamber Director Rosty, who had helped CTS with community outreach, said that the company had invested its own resources in the Montrose location, completing a remodel of the leased space at 2350 South Townsend Avenue prior to opening.

The treatment center was open for around six months, she said.

Still, “They just flat went out of business,” Rosty said. “The adoption rate here in Montrose County may not have been what they anticipated. I know they had difficulty in getting qualified staff members—I tried very hard to connect their director with people who could help them find qualified staff.”

In the end, “They didn’t have the capacity to stay open long enough,” Rosty said. “They just did not have enough customers.”



COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PATH FORWARD FOR RIVERBOTTOM DRIVE



Montrose City Council convenes for a work session and meeting this week. Mirror file photo.

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MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for a [work session](#) on Monday, Feb. 4, and for a [regular meeting](#) on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

WORK SESSION

Discussion items will include a presentation by Senior External Affairs Advisor Sarah Carlisle of Tri-State Generation & Transmission.

City Engineer Scott Murphy and Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou will discuss possible paths forward for the Riverbottom Drive Reconstruction project, which now has expected out-of-pocket costs of \$880,000 to \$910,000.

Murphy will also discuss the Cerro Reser-

voir Outlet Works Replacement Bid, the Riverwood Water System Construction Project, and a Resolution of Intent for the Riverwood Estates Improvement District.

City Public Works Manager Jim Scheid will update Council on the Recycle Material Recovery Facility Service Agreement and present 2019 City Vehicle and Equipment Purchase Recommendations.

City Utilities Manager David Bries will discuss a Contract Extension for Manhole Lining Services.

In future, City Council may consider the following: On Feb. 19, Council may consider River Valley Health Center Business Incentives; a new fermented malt beverage license application for Natural Grocers; the Fourth Quarter Police Report; the Fourth Quarter Budget Review; and a Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) Delegation of Authority Ordinance.

A Second Reading of Ordinance 2463 will be March 19.

On April 1 Council will consider Existing Short-Term Rental Regulations and possible additional short-term rental compli-

ance processes.

City Manager and City Attorney Evaluations will be April 2.

As yet unscheduled are a workforce housing discussion and revisions to the City's municipal animal control code.

COUNCIL MEETING

Montrose Youth Council will issue a proclamation on the use of electronic vapor products among youth.

Following the Call to the Public and approval of Consent Agenda items, Council will consider Ordinances 2464 and 2465 on second reading.

Council will consider approving the 2019 Annual Annexation Report and Three Mile Plan.

Council will convene a hearing on the Ellsworth Addition Annexation and will consider approving annexation and zoning of the Ellsworth Addition.

Ordinance 2468 on first reading will be considered, vacating a portion of South Nevada Avenue within City limits.

City Council will consider approving the Sunrise Creek III Filing No. 1 Final Plat.

Council will consider awarding a construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting (\$2,087,328.76) and an engineering support contract to RJH Consultants (\$584,900) for the Cerro Reservoir Outlet Works Replacement Project.

Following staff reports and council/staff comments, Council will adjourn.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

FEB. 14 MARKS 99TH BIRTHDAY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Editor:

February 14, 2019 marks the 99th Birthday of the League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters of the United States encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

In 2018, the League of Women Voters of Montrose County, also serving Delta County, provided community education presentations on topics such as Money in Politics, Redistricting, the Electoral College, state and local ballot issues. Supporting citizens' voting rights, League volunteers provided drives throughout the community, educating and registering new, and especially, young voters. We hosted candidate forums, better informing voters about local and state races and candidates. Prior to midterm elections, the League provided and distributed hundreds of pamphlets on local and state ballot issues.

2019 community education programs begin on February 14, presenting "What Happens to Your Ballot: Election Integrity in Montrose County," by the County Clerk and Recorder's office. Presentations of other topics significant to the community, voter registration and education, as well as advocacy action targeting important issues, will continue.

In 2020, the League will be active in the elections processes and events, in the US Census, in education, voter information and empowerment, and advocacy activities. Montrose and Delta Counties are unique communities, and our League seeks to insure that our citizens are informed and encouraged to participate wholly in the political process, prepared and empowered to have our voices heard. We so greatly appreciate the participation and support of the community, and look forward to another year of active service.

Jan Edwards, President

League of Women Voters of Montrose County

MORAL FIBER IS UNDER ASSAULT BY THE RADICAL LEFT

Editor:

The Boy Scouts of America has been a stalwart anchor for character development of young boys teaching them proper ethical and moral standards since 1910. Now their very moral fiber is under assault by the radical left's political homosexual agenda! From the Wall Street Journal, the National BSA board is now considering Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Why? Because of dwindling membership and mammoth legal costs related to lawsuits from members who have been victims of homosexual predatory molestation. In 2013 the national BSA board removed membership restrictions against homosexual members AND leaders. In May of 2015 the BSA's national board announced it was "surrendering" to the "gay lobby" and would openly accept adult homosexual leaders. Membership applications were also changed to allow youths to use the gender they identify with instead of their birth certificate designation.

Surprisingly, Chief Scout Executive, Michael B. Surbaugh admitted a social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered from sex abuse, but it's his leadership that has allowed this to occur and a monetary fix isn't going to change the permanent damage done to the young victims.

The Boy Scout oath is as follows: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and MORALLY STRAIGHT." (emphasis added). What is the homosexual crowd's oath?

And now the Colorado Democrat-controlled Legislature is debating House Bill 19-1032, which will teach young children all about all kinds of sex including homosexual activity. And it will no doubt be signed into law by Democrat Governor, Jared Polis, who the Denver Post reported as the nation's first openly gay governor. Thanks to the voters who support destruction of America's great institutions!

Jerry Bartholome, Montrose

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ARTICLE V AND THE CALL FOR A CONVENTION OF STATES

Dear Editor,

The federal government has grown too large; they have flooded local governments with regulations and mandates. They've left us and our posterity with crippling federal debt. With all this overregulation we've given up our choices— we've give up our liberty! Let's stand up and say, "We've had enough!"

The Tenth Amendment to the US Constitution states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Federal funding and most court interpretations of the Tenth Amendment have served to keep state power in check.

If thirty-four (34) states call for a Convention of States, as outlined in Article V of the Constitution, the states can propose amendments to the Constitution. Think of the possibilities which will never take place today in Washington, DC. 1) State and federal powers could be more clearly enumerated. 2) Term limits could be set for Congress. 3) A balanced budget amendment could be proposed. Any proposed amendment would require the approval of three-quarters of the states. The Convention of States is the final safeguard left to us by our Founding Fathers who knew that one day we may need to impose fiscal restraints or limit the powers of the federal government. Twelve states have already passed legislation asking for a Convention of States, so we're over a third of the way there. Over 26,000 Coloradans have signed the Petition to date; 763 in House District 58 and 328 in the Montrose area.

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professionals and school administrators. There will be morning and afternoon speakers and breakout sessions. "A lot of the content will touch on students making better choices," Jenkins said.

Thought-provoking speakers will include Weed Inc. [Author Ben Cort](#) and author/educator [Rosalind Wiseman](#). A benefit of bringing the Western Slope Youth Safety Symposium to Montrose will be accessibility. "So often staff have to travel four to five hours for professional development," Jenkins said.

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The event is open to the public; registration is \$50, through [mcsd.org](#).



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JOINT EFFORTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY WILL SAVE MONEY, INCREASE EFFICIENCY, IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

Editor:

The site was the Forum at Heidi's on Wednesday and the occasion was a law enforcement presentation by the new Montrose Police Chief and the new Montrose County Sheriff. In a world frequently filled with controversy and negativity, these two dedicated law enforcement leaders, joined by some of their highly professional staff, presented the most positive, energetic and good sense commitments the audience had heard in years. Heaven be praised, Montrose and Montrose County are working together for the common good of all! Economies of scale, joint firearms and driving training, mutual assistance and cooperation, sharing of information, cross-training for SWAT, and joint emergency management are only a few of the cooperative efforts implemented by these two new dynamic and committed leaders. The term "synergistic" comes to mind, a term that may be described as a team of horses producing more power together than the total of the individual horses pulling separately. The two separate Dispatch Centers, staffed by good people, but working

separately, are now one, WestCO. The joiner, anticipated to take six months, was completed seamlessly in just one. Two deputies and two officers now work as a joint Street Crimes Unit and the two agencies are also working together to increase student and area school security and emergency preparedness.

These joint efforts between the city and the county will save money, increase efficiency and most of all, enhance and improve the area's public safety. The entire region, residents and visitors alike, will benefit from the mutual cooperation and joint efforts of the two governing entities and the two primary law enforcement agencies. This new era comes at a most appropriate time. Our little piece of the universe is undergoing a significant increase in crime, drug use and mental health issues. While the District Attorney (D.A.) prosecutes for 17 separate law enforcement agencies within the six counties of the Seventh Judicial District, the Montrose area accounted for over half of the D.A.'s filings in 2018. The Montrose Police Department (M.P.D.) saw a 33% increase in assaults last year and the D.A.'s office

recorded the highest incidence of homicides in the Seventh Judicial District's history.

The M.P.D. made three serious heroin arrests just last week and one law enforcement leader described area methamphetamine use as "rampant."

Consistent with the increase in criminal activity, our Crime Stoppers program made six more awards to Tipsters this January to reward them for six more criminal arrests.

It is a new day in Montrose and Montrose County! A hearty "Thank You" goes out to Heidi's Deli as well. They have provided a comfortable meeting place for the Forum at Heidi's for years. Until the next Forum, they are also making a donation to Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. of a portion of their sales to individuals with a coupon sent to Forum past attendees to assist in making our communities safer. It is just another example of the many good folks who live and work in our special corner of the world.

John W. Nelson

President, Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM PLANS FOR PRESCRIBED BURNS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit plans to conduct slash pile burning within the Uncompahgre and Tres Rios Field Offices as early as Feb. 4, 2019, or as conditions allow.

Approximately 50 slash piles are planned for burning six miles east of Delta. Additionally, 15 slash piles are planned to be burned west of Cortez.

The prescribed burning may take multiple days to complete once initiated and will be monitored closely to ensure public safety. While smoke may be visible in the area at times, most of the smoke will lift and dissipate during the warmest parts of the day.

The BLM obtained a smoke permit from the Colorado State Air Pollution Control Division, which identifies atmospheric conditions under which the burn can be implemented. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

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SLED DOG DEMONSTRATION AT RIDGWAY STATE PARK

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Want to learn how the big dogs run? Check out a sled-dog demonstration at Ridgway State Park, 11 a.m., Feb. 9.

Champion sled-dog and skijoring racers Lynn Whipple and Laurie Brandt will show off how their dogs run and work. Meet at the Dallas Creek entrance on the south end of the park.

The daily entry fee to the park is \$8 per vehicle, or \$80 for an annual pass that's good at all 41 Colorado State Parks. New this year is an annual hang-tag pass for \$120 that can be used in multiple vehicles.

For more information, call Ridgway State Park at 970-626-5822.

DMEA CONTRACTOR TO INSPECT POWER POLES IN MONTROSE, OLATHE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) kicked off power pole inspections in north Montrose and Olathe last week. The inspections are expected to last throughout winter into spring. DMEA is contracting with [SBS Inspections](#) to conduct the work.

SBS Inspections may need to enter onto members' properties in order to complete the inspections. Their vehicles will be clearly marked with DMEA contractor labels. DMEA asks for member cooperation in allowing contractors access to poles located on private property.

Every year, DMEA inspects more than 3,000 poles as part of its power reliability and system maintenance program. The inspection process is an important part of ensuring DMEA continues to deliver safe and reliable power.

For more information about DMEA's pole inspection process or property access, Chad Stickler at (970) 240-1219 or chad.stickler@dmea.com.



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DIRECT DISCUSSION TO SUBJECT AT HAND, NOT THOSE WHO QUESTION *Response to Rob Brethouwer letter of Jan. 28*

Editor:

I read Mr. Bennett's article. I read yours. I am dumbfounded to see what you got out of his article. I did not see any hate, just a strong desire that homosexual practices not be taught in public schools, at public expense. Certainly not through the coercive use of the legal system.

I know Bill. He is well read and does not denigrate individuals of opposite thinking, but rather studies and uses the facts before drawing conclusions. Rather than attempting to shred Bill with vitriolic hyperbole, it would be well to cite facts.

Why does the LGBT lifestyle need to be

taught at all? Why are proponents of the LGBT lifestyle so argumentative and hostile to anyone who does not want the government taking sides in our selection of a lifestyle, so long as it does not infringe upon our liberty or pursuit of happiness. Teaching this to young impressionable minds does do that.

My company sales force had two ladies that followed different lifestyles than the rest of the sales force. They were respected and quite successful. Frankly they would make any boss proud to have them representing him and his company.

Any discussion of this matter should be

directed to the subject at hand and not at the individual who dares to surface the question.

It would have been far better if Mr. Coram had brought this issue to his constituency directly. He normally hesitates to use the newspaper.

Instead it came to my attention through a 'back door' fostering a great deal of suspicion.

If HB 1032 is an indication of Mr. Coram's way of doing the public's business and his support of this matter, perhaps he should not hold public office.

William Ramsey, Montrose



MONTROSE ELKS LODGE ELK TRACKS



Montrose Elks Lodge

MONTROSE-Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401.

[\\$500 Must Go Jackpot - On Tuesday February 4, 2019](#)

Progressive Game 2 has reached MUST GO status and will be awarded no matter how many numbers or balls it takes to reach Bingo!

Progressive Game #4 is worth \$724 and can be won by reaching Bingo in 37 numbers or less.

Progressive Game 6 is valued at \$2707

and can be won by reaching Bingo in 53 or fewer numbers.

For the best Bingo game in the area be sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6 PM to play Bingo. We are located at 801 South Hillcrest Drive in Montrose, CO 81401.

It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun! Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities.

Bingo Weekly Special

A weekly sandwich or item is available during Bingo nights at the Lodge. Treat yourself each week with a different food

item made fresh by Dave and Cody with our group of youth volunteers. Imagine having roast beef, pulled pork, sloppy joes, French dips, ham and cheese, and subs; fresh and ready to enjoy.

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LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT, BAD SCIENCE OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS

Editor:

I am a Republican. I can hardly believe that any Republican could misread my piece on the proposed LGBT curriculum in the public schools. If you read it again you will find a politely worded factual discussion of three overwhelming themes.

First is that I only support teaching proven science to the children of Montrose. A quick peek, if you wish to know, tells us that the book "When Harry became Sally" contains proof of the LGBT fallacy. Dr. Paul McHugh of Johns Hopkins cites that in a Swedish study of thirty years duration it was determined that 10 to 15 years into the study the suicide rate among the participants (who had done the 'trans-gender' thing) jumped to 20 times the normal rate of their peers. What a coincidence; what a consequence! Dr. Deanna Adkins of Duke University unequivocally states that "from a medical perspective, the only appropriate determinant of the sex of a human is gender identity." In other words, an individual's genitals. "Every other method is bad science." Sweden is hardly a homophobic population, rather jinxing the thought that the study was tilted by heteros picking on the homosexuals.

Why should we want to teach our children 'bad science'. Would we teach them bad English, Algebra or Biology? We would not, so why play games with the LGBT stuff?

Secondly, I unequivocally stated that what folks do privately, on their own time, in their own bedroom, in their private lives

is solely their business. I am a constitutionalist and I do not just say it, I practice it in word and deed. My home is my castle. So is yours. So go ahead and practice within those walls 'bad science' just as has been done for hundreds of years past--- YOU ARE FREE TO DO IT AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS. Sub-Saharan Africans have been practicing 'bad science' for years and presently provide 70% of the world's HIV deaths each year. What does that say for consequences of 'bad science'? A 20 year World Health Organization effort to clean it up that mess has hardly moved the needle.

American children, only if they are of an age to understand what they are being told, should be taught only 'good science' relating to sexuality (or anything else for that matter). About this issue they should be taught only that they should wait for adulthood to experiment. The idea that we should wrap our society around the axle of trans-gender sexual orientation at a young impressionable age, when only one half of one percent of the U.S. population is so inclined is ridiculously absurd. While we may have the obligation to permit people of this ilk to practice LGBT freely and privately, we have no obligation to allow them to sell it to our children en-masse in our public schools.

Dr. Mayer says all conversation/practice of transgender activities until after puberty is nothing but "social policy" being inflicted upon the less developed and highly

impressionable and malleable minds by someone with an agenda. If we allow this to be taught, or worse yet encourage its teaching, we are permitting the indoctrination of our youth in the ways of that behavior. Why?

And third, I was and am upset that the guy I voted for, my representative if you will, had to be 'outed' in his support of this issue. No matter what he says at this point about his actions or motives on this issue (and maybe many issues) will be forever suspect both in my mind and the mind of many of his constituents.

Dictatorial demands of government upon public schools and the schools' implementation of those policies are just one of the reasons that there is almost a mass movement from public education to the private sector by parents who care for their kids' educational outcome and can afford it. This leaves the public schools as a refuge for those who cannot afford a private or parochial school or whose parents, because of a lack of their education or time, feel they cannot home-school their children. This leaves the less advantaged children to become the victims of our over liberalized, politicized, educational system and in the case of LGBT education, more likely to be converted to the 'bad science'.

In short, let's just leave the government out of our schools and let our citizens influence what is taught with their elected LOCAL school board.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

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DACC HIRES HEIDI HUDEK AS COMMUNICATIONS & EVENT COORDINATOR

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Delta Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce and welcome Heidi Hudek as its new Communications and Event Coordinator.

Ms. Hudek brings with her an extensive background in event planning, management, and social media strategy. She is a resident of Paonia, where she managed Hive Paonia coworking space from 2016 to 2018, creating a fellowship of entrepreneurs to share resources.

As the Director of Mountain Harvest Festival from 2014 through 2017, Ms. Hudek became the first Executive Director of Mountain Harvest Creative, a nonprofit supporting art and agriculture education for kids. In 2012 she started her own business as a Social Media Consultant, helping 115 businesses learn how to use social

media to market their brand.

In the Chamber's newly-created position of Communications and Event Coordinator, some of Ms. Hudek's duties include planning and executing chamber events and educational programs, coordinating marketing, managing membership communications and media, and assisting the Executive Director in administrative duties.

"We're very excited to have Heidi on board," said Chamber Board President Fred Carson. "Her depth of experience in event planning, social media strategy, and finance will be a great asset to our organization."

The Delta Area Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization with a current membership of 296 businesses, professionals and individuals. The DACC fo-



Heidi Hudek. Courtesy photo.

cuses on broadening networks, facilitating community-enhancing projects, providing education training and opportunities, acting as a source for economic data, and supporting collaborative and economic development.

STATE WITHDRAWS FROM KANSAS INTERSTATE VOTER REGISTRATION

Colorado Secretary of State

DENVER-Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold formally withdrew the state of Colorado from Kansas Crosscheck.

Colorado joined Crosscheck in 2008, under Secretary of State Mike Coffman. Since its inception, the program has been riddled with problems including insufficient data and an inability to guarantee the privacy of Coloradans. In addition, the program has been used as a partisan charade, resulting in the potential disenfranchisement of eligible citizens from the voter rolls.

"In the current political climate, where emotion seeks to trump reason, I cannot stand by and let this continue. For that reason Colorado is immediately withdrawing from Crosscheck. I encourage other states and jurisdictions to do the same," said Secretary Griswold.

Crosscheck was promoted as a data sharing tool for states to maintain their voter registration rolls. However, the program has faced both lawsuits and extensive criticism for leading to the potential disenfranchisement of eligible voters and exposing voters' privacy.

As the letter notes, better list maintenance options exist. Colorado is a founding member of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Unlike Crosscheck, ERIC sends states quality list maintenance data on a near continuous basis. Also, unlike Crosscheck, ERIC exceeds industry standards for data security. Twenty-six states and the District of Columbia are members of ERIC.

In the letter, Secretary Griswold urges Crosscheck to close and for other states to join ERIC.

[The full letter can be found here.](#)



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BCBGC YOUTHS OF THE MONTH

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Check out the latest Black Canyon Boys & Girls Clubs' Youths of the Month!

Elizabeth is the Montrose Unit's Youth of the Month. Elizabeth was chosen by staff for Youth of the Month because of her outstanding attitude and helpfulness at Club. She is always willing to help staff with whatever needs done and always has a smile on her face.

Jacob was chosen as the Olathe Unit's Youth of the Month. Staff chose Jacob as he has really come out of his shell the last few months and shown what he can really do at Club!



Montrose Youth of the Month Elizabeth. Courtesy photo.



Olathe Youth of the Month Jacob. Courtesy photo.



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GRAND JUNCTION ROMANCE WRITERS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S WITH FEB. 9 BOOK SIGNING



Best selling romance writer RaeAnne Hadley.

By Caitlin Switzer

GRAND JUNCTION-Want to meet some of the area's top romance novelists and catch up on the latest titles?

On Feb. 9, Grand Junction's Barnes & Noble Bookstore welcomes the Grand Junction Romance Writers Valentine's Book Signing, with authors Annabelle Anders, Barbra Campbell, RaeAnne Hadley, Christina Hovland, Marje Porter, DP Jones, and T.L. Christianson, from 2 to 5 p.m.

When Barnes & Noble approached her about taking part in the book signing, Hadley, who lives in Montrose, took it as a sign that the time was right to once again focus on her creative career.

You might know Hadley as the owner of Cimarron Stables; if you have read a young adult novel written by R.A. Lingen-



felter or a romance novel by RaeAnne Hadley, you also know her as an author. In fact, Hadley has been an author for almost 20 years, though she calls her successful writing career, "an accident."

"My daughter was born in 2000," Hadley recalled, "and I was fired from my job for taking maternity leave."

The new mother found herself working a graveyard shift job to make ends meet. "I was so hormonal. I found myself trying to figure out how to kill the boss without

getting caught," she said.

Instead, Hadley began channeling her creativity into writing fiction. "Thankfully, my hormones calmed down," she said. "I was able to focus on writing instead of trying to kill the boss."

Her hard work as an author has already resulted in four novels that have reached number one bestseller status on Amazon, and Hadley hopes to continue the momentum and reach the top spot on other bestseller lists.

"I love this world," she said.

With the closure of Cimarron Stables ("We're downsizing,") the decision to return to writing full-time felt like a natural choice.

"I am super excited to do more writing," Hadley said. "I realize this is what I am supposed to do."

Because her career has spanned so many years, Hadley has had the opportunity to grow as a writer and explore sub-genres within the romance genre, including thriller, paranormal, and western-themed books. "We are always our own worst critics," she said. "But with the novels I am working on now, I am blown away by how exciting my writing is compared to back then. I grow more as a writer the more I experience and do."

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TELLURIDE INSTITUTE OFFERS TWO LITERARY PRIZES: NATIONAL FISCHER PRIZE AND COLORADO CANTOR AWARD

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE ... The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program has been hosting events, festivals, readings, workshops and contests for more than 25 years. It's proud to announce its annual [Fischer Prize](#) national contest with over \$3000 in awards and travel stipends. And for Colorado poets, that includes a special \$500 Cantor Award for the best poem by a Colorado writer who enters the Fischer Prize contest. Deadline for the contest is May 1, 2019.

"Since Elaine Fischer was such a champion of the arts in Colorado," said Talking Gourds co-director Art Goodtimes, "we wanted to reward Colorado poets with a special incentive to participate in the

Fischer Prize."

Last year Michelle Bitting, Poet Laureate Emerita of Pacific Palisades (CA), took the top prize with her poem "Everything Crumbling Becomes Something New." Jane Hilberry, who teaches at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, won the Cantor Award. She and other finalists included Jose Alcantara of Carbondale (CO), Clair Blotter and Deveroux Baker of California, and Elizabeth Jacobson of Florida.

Judge last year was Santa Fe Poet Laureate Emerita Joan Logghe of Española, New Mexico. The Judge for 2019 will be Berkeley (CA) Poet Laureate Rafael Jesús González.

The Fischer Prize includes a \$1,000 first prize award, plus a \$500 travel stipend to

attend the May 17-19 Telluride Literary Arts Festival, where the awards will be made. Five finalists receive \$200 each for their winning poems, plus a \$100 stipend each to attend the May event. In addition, a \$500 Cantor Award winner will be selected from any Colorado poet among the finalists, or one whose poem is selected as the best among the Colorado entrants.

For 22 years, Telluride has held a Fischer Prize contest in honor of attorney/poet Mark Fischer, who died in 1987. In 2016 his wife, politician/painter Elaine Cantor Fischer, passed away as well. The Fischer Prize, and now the Cantor Award, are given in memory of these two beloved members of the arts community in San Miguel County.

AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON ROSY FINCHES

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MONTROSE-At 7 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Montrose Field House, Aaron Yappert, lead bird bander in the San Juan region, will give a presentation to the Black Canyon Audubon Society on the recent efforts of Colorado Parks & Wildlife and other collaborators to better understand the winter survival and movement of one of Colorado's highest-breeding alpine birds, the Brown-capped Rosy-Finch. Very little is known about this elusive bird and concerns of population declines have sparked research groups to explore how Rosy-Finches move around the state outside of the breeding season, as well as assess survivorship during the harsh winter months. Through color banding and citizen science efforts to re-sight banded birds at private bird feeders, CPW has begun to piece together how Rosy-Finches from various parts of the state intermix. The evening will feature a presentation, interactive maps, and an opportunity for citizens to learn about CPW research efforts in Southwestern Colorado. Free to the public.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DINO FARNESE WINS MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS' LOGO COMPETITION

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MONTROSE-Dino Farnese was named the winner of the Magic Circle Player's Logo Competition on Sunday, Jan. 27 by Misty Walker, Magic Circle Board of Governors vice-president. The announcement was made before the final performance of *Sylvia* to a full house.

Farnese's entry was chosen from a lobby display of six logo finalists selected from 53 total submissions. Voting for the competition was open to Magic Circle Theatre patrons, volunteers and all community members. As winner of the competition, Dino will receive \$500 and two Magic Circle Players season tickets.

According to Rediger, Magic Circle Players decided to look for a new logo in anticipation of celebrating the group's 60th anniversary this year. "Our community is growing, our audience is becoming more diverse and so are the types of creative endeavors we offer. With all of this in mind, we agreed it was time to refresh the logo to honor and preserve our past as we

look forward to a bright future and the next 60 years."

Since its inception in 1959, Magic Circle has only had two previous logos. The current logo was designed by Dr. Bob Brethouwer in the 1970s. "We were a small group back then," said Brethouwer. "A few regular theatre entrepreneurs became involved and Magic Circle blossomed with talent. It's certainly time for a new logo to create new interest in our community's theatrical jewel."

"We discussed updating the logo extensively. Our current logo is a part of who we are," said Rediger. "Our long history is a legacy and redesigning our logo allows our newest Players to create their place in that story. Inviting the community to participate, gives us the opportunity to share the magic that is our community theatre."

According to Rediger, all of the logos submitted were professional. "I was impressed by the level of design talent in our area," she said. "We will debut our new logo alongside the 60th Anniversary cele-



L to R Winner, Dino Farnese and Board Members, Pat Myers, Misty Walker and April Martinez. Courtesy photo.

brations. We look forward to Magic Circle Theatre providing many more years of entertainment to our community."

Magic Circle Theatre is located at 420 South 12th Street in Montrose. Tickets are now on sale for the group's next production, *But Why Bump Off Barnaby?* beginning Friday, March 8. Tickets can be purchased online at MagicCirclePlayers.com.

For Information, Contact the Box Office at mcp@montrose.net 970-249-7838.

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I LEFT A HEART & TOOK ONE BACK WITH ME



Aurora crowning Iris Willow at her play group (photo by Art

SAN FRANCISCO ... Half my life I spent in the sphere of this iconic West Coast hometown. And now my daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and granddaughter all live there. In Bernal Heights – the City’s Noe Valley of the moment. Of course, having just come back from a visit, I left my heart there ... Got to ride a downtown merry-go-round being the “granpa” seat belt for two-year-old Aurora. Took her alone to the library playground for a half-hour of the slide all to herself in the dusk light over Twin Peaks ... I stayed in an Airbnb just down the street from Bert & Iris’ Gates Street digs. Got to eat out at amazing restaurants, like the quiet Peruvian alternative to our first choice -- the funky hipster Mission St. spaghetti eatery where the wait was 45 minutes. Mi Lindo Peru, with the delicious cancha and tasty entrees ... Or late night sushi at some downtown basement cacophony, replete with dj and outrageous maki, sashimi and nigiri dishes. That was after a nightclub comedy hour during SF’s Sketchfest catching the hilarious Emily Blotnick, a gorgeous but not-so-funny Zainab Johnson and the leadoff emcee Anthony K (I liked, Iris didn’t), with his self-deprecating Hispanic riffs and jokes about his mother. I enjoyed our visit to a downtown Children’s Museum where I couldn’t get Aurora to leave the puppet-making table for a good half-hour

while Iris was getting the car – such marvelously strong-willed goddesses both of those women ... Bert and his sister Audrey joining us for a McLaren Park mushroom foray with folks from the Mycological Society of San Francisco – a group I’d belonged to some 50 years ago. Big thanks to Enrique Sanchez for organizing the foray and Brian Brazee from making it all the way out from Colorado Springs. We found lots of interesting mushrooms – particularly what I thought were *Amanita muscaria/gemmata* hybrids (although my ID skills as a myco-amateur are often questionable). But the lovely park – second only to the Golden Gate in size – was the city. In the short dalliance of our foray in the pines and eucalyptus, vandals smashed out the back window of Brian’s vehicle next to us in the park parking lot and stole some stuff. Our car – urban violence is so random – happened to be unlocked, and held purses and satchels. All untouched ... Stopped in for a brief visit with archetypic North Beach oracular bard and scholar Neeli Cherkovski, biographer of Ferlinghetti and Bukowski. He lives just a few blocks from my daughter above Cortland St. in a stylish if weathered Victorian with a garden backyard hideaway to die for. He served me Italian espresso and read two



Mushroom harvest at MSSF foray in McLaren Park (photo by Art Goodtimes).

fine new poems, one a powerful elegy for his father that I thought was marvelous ... A visit to Aurora’s play group at the Polish-American club hall in the Mission was a journey back to my earliest years as a pre-school teacher in San Francisco. I loved watching and being open to whatever rolled my way – book to read or toy to share ... And later in the five days, a scouting party with Iris to a prospective day care center right on Mission Street. Got to listen to a pre-school director (something I once had been) explain her schooling system to parents who might want to enroll their children. And impressive as the talk

was throughout, I was amazed at the Agreement process the teachers went through with their charges at the start of the year, letting them participate in school rule-making and getting everyone to agree to uphold the group rules. It was a form of early democracy that I had never seen employed at the pre-school level. Asked about it after, the director explained it came from her reading of Summerhill – one of multiple early childhood pedagogical systems I studied at Berkeley but the “most hippie” and the least respected of the lot (too permissive), even though it had deeply influenced my teaching as well ... Finally, one of the absolute high points was going to the movies with my daughter one night. While there were several good films showing in town the night we had free to go (thank you, Bert, for watching Aurora for us), we decide to go to the Mission. One of those old refurbished art deco movie emporiums, it had been converted into a lounge chair nightclub experience, with stylish waitrons bringing you drinks, food and popcorn on demand. Except that no talking was allowed during the show. None. Cause for immediate expulsion from the theater ... And we had the good fortune

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

of seeing the wonderfully inspiring (if you're a liberal) biopic, *On the Basis of Sex*, about the early triumphs of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I loved the opening segment with the sea of shoes, and the one pair of high heels (a Hollywood touch to heighten the drama – RBG told the *New York Times* she actually wore flats, since she had to walk some distance to that first gathering at Harvard Law School).

LITO TEJADA-FLORES ... Born to Bolivian-American professors and polyglot brilliants from the Bay Area, Lito is my partner-in-poetic crime at sagegreenjournal.org – our on-line anthology of poets we like, set to the music of visual complement ... He also is a passionate activist, as I have been. From *Earth First! Journal* to *Fungi* magazine. From populating the barricades, founding environmental groups (he and I were principles in the start of Telluride's Sheep Mountain Alliance), to building up our body of knowledge in various areas – poetry, politics and the sciences (especially, for me, with entheogenic fungi) ... So here is Lito's latest rant on the state of the union, and for a flaming pinko neo-socialist radical like me, I love it ... But my Trumper friends, be warned. Lito pulls no liberal punches.

FROM TRUMP TO TOMORROW ... "Have we lost our minds? Are we sound asleep? Has two years of a Trump administration in Washington so numbed, so befuddled, and ultimately conditioned Americans to a new reality that they no longer react, or even notice, or even feel the slightest

twinge of outrage at heretofore unthinkable, intolerable, malfeasance and absurdity in the public sphere? The real question is not what is happening these days, but what has already happened—to us? ... It would be tempting to think that this is just a Trump problem, that it's only about Trump, that it began with Trump, with his character, or more accurately lack of character, with his complexly disturbed mental state—clinically an extreme narcissistic personality disorder—his combination of insecurity and arrogance, his demonstrable ignorance and inability to grasp complex issues, his unwillingness even to try, and his longstanding and ingrained habit of saying crazy, nonsensical mistruths on each and every subject. One actually hesitates to call Trump's multiple daily untruths lies, simply because real lying demands a certain intelligence and forethought, a certain awareness of the truth that Trump clearly lacks ... And yes, it is a Trump problem, but that's not all it is. Trump is as much vehicle as villain. While he and his loyal crew of media enablers are busy, beating us into a dull state of acceptance of the unacceptable, the right-wing wrecking crew that is the Republican Party has seen and seized their golden opportunity. Half a century of steady, stealthy, crafty, and creepy brainwashing in the service of unbridled predatory capitalism has finally paid off, and for big capital, for the Republican Party, Trump is merely the linchpin that holds the door open for plunder ... Is there an upside to the mess we are in? At least these Trump years have pulled off the mask, stripped

away all pretense of concern for the public good, exposed the fiction of benign capitalism for what it is, pure fiction. That's cold comfort. We knew it all along, so many people knew it, so few have been willing to admit it. So finally here we are, arriving out of breath, out of alibis, more discouraged than ever, at some kind of crossroad. We can't, and we shouldn't stand back and gloat as the planet begins to get the upper hand, gets ready to throw us off, and put an end to greedy human dreams of endless exploitation. What *should* we do? Time is running out. And the future still an unanswered question. For how much longer? ... But no answer is a kind of answer. The same way that not voting is one kind of vote. We have no choice, we have to do something, have to try. It can't hurt, won't hurt, but try what? What to do after all of yesterday's mistakes, all of today's excesses? We know the odds: almost no chance we can turn the tide, cool the planet, make a better world. Almost no chance. But why not try? The world needs you, and you, and you.... maybe even me. My friend Doug Tompkins always said: if you are not an activist, then you are an inactivist. What a label to wear, even if no one sees it but you! Hard to live that one down. So let's try. Never knowing what might work, never knowing what we really *should* do. Just start. "*Take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing, end them.*" Good advice, Will Shakespeare, good advice Hamlet. Pick your fight and start fighting. There are more than enough fights waiting. Why not? Why the hell not."

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

START SNAPPING FOR SECOND CHANCE AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Entrants have a chance to win \$100 in the Second Chance Humane Society Amateur Photo Contest. Photos will be judged for how well they illustrate the human-animal bond, which is part of the mission of Second Chance. The entry deadline is Feb. 29. Winning photos will be shown on March 9th at Furry Flicks & Fashion at the 4-H Event Center in Ridgway.

The entry fee of \$10 per photo helps to support homeless pets. For details, go to: www.AdoptMountainPets.org/events and click on Photo Contest.

Furry Flicks and Fashion is the biggest fun-raiser of the year for Second Chance. It features yappy hour with nibbles and a cash bar, Bow Wow Film Fest dog-centric movies, silent and live auctions, a shelter dog fashion show, and the winning entries from the photo contest.

Discounted advance tickets are available at the Second Chance Thrift Shops or online at: <https://events.ticketprinting.com/event/Ridgway-Co-31669>. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children 12-years-old and under. At the door, tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children.

Second Chance Humane Society serves Ouray, San Miguel, and Montrose Counties in Colorado. Second Chance is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, supported by our Thrift Shops (in Ridgway & Telluride) private donations, grants, and fundraising events. Thanks to amazing community support, we rescue an average of 400 dogs and cats annually. We also provide community outreach and education programming such as low-cost spay/neuter clinics, dog behavioral classes and humane education in schools. For more information, contact our Animal Resource Center at 970-626-2273.

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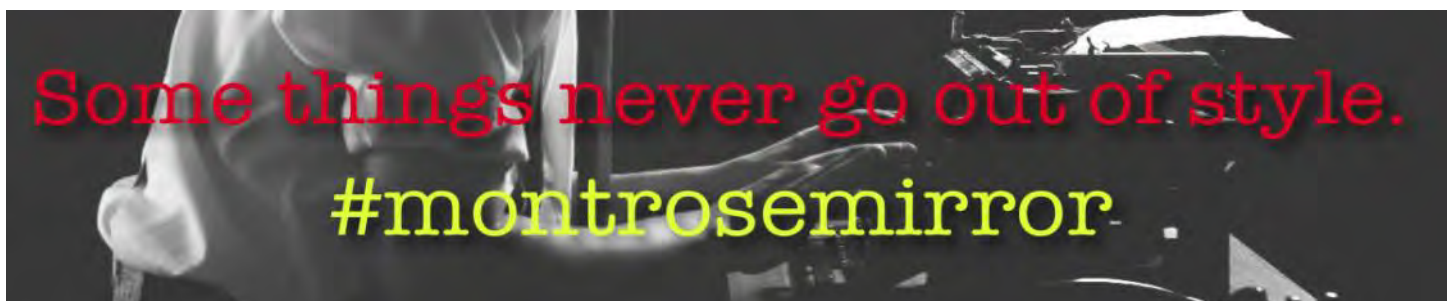
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MONTROSE-On Feb. 20 the Colorado Archaeological Society presents Casey Dukeman discussing the use of 3D camera-based photogrammetry and drones to research archaeological features and create fascinating models of sites and settings. He will present innovations in use of digital photogrammetry and "Structure from Motion" technology to locate, document, and preserve cultural sites with examples from all around Western Colorado. Casey is an archaeologist and technology manager with Alpine Archaeology of Montrose and past guest lecturer at Western State University in Gunnison. He has 25 years of experience working in the archaeology of Colorado and Wyoming, as well as teaching at both grade school and college levels. The talk will be 7 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street. The public is invited; free admission.

MONTROSE VISUAL ARTS GUILD EXHIBITS MEMBER WORK WITH 'ART IN MOTION' PROJECT

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MONTROSE-The Montrose Visual Arts Guild "Art in Motion" project works with local businesses in Montrose who provide wall space to exhibit pieces created by members of the guild. Every four months, the art on the gallery walls changes. As of Feb. 1, new original art will be on exhibit at the U.S. Bank on South Townsend, the Gypsy Belle on Oxbow Drive, Mountain View Therapy on 4th Street, Southwest Hearing on Star Court, Montrose Memorial Hospital Acute Rehab Center, Alpine Bank on East Main, and Colorado West Ophthalmology on Pavilion Drive. These businesses welcome the general public as well as their customers, patients and their families to come by and appreciate local, original art.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS MAKE SOUND INVESTMENT

Support Sought For Equipment Costs

By Nick Hoppner

MONTROSE-The Magic Circle Players have begun a major upgrade to the sound system in the Magic Circle Theatre building at 420 South 12th Street. For decades the community theatre company's actors, directors, backstage crews and audiences have struggled to clearly hear the performers' words due to the theatre's aging equipment and the upstairs location of the sound board equipment.

Major renovations are underway to improve the situation. Shortly after the closing of the most recent show—the comedy *Sylvia*—theatre volunteers began removing five seats at the back of the central audience section of the theatre. A new sound booth on the same floor as the stage and audience will be constructed entirely by volunteer labor, enabling the sound technicians greater accuracy and efficiency. Locally-based CAM Electric will handle all wiring changes and upgrades required for a new computer-controlled sound system to be installed by Lambda Audio Visual of Monument, Colorado.

Two old loudspeakers that had been mounted with their sound directed down onto the stage below will be replaced by new speakers correctly aimed to spread amplified sound directly toward the audience.

Also, a series of eight directionally sensitive microphones will be suspended above the stage to pick up the speeches of even the smallest voices—a boon for each year's Drama Camp children and novice actors untrained in voice projection. Sound technicians will be able to monitor, balance, and mix all the voices, music, and dialog quickly and efficiently.

The investment being made in constructing the new audience-level sound booth, equipment purchase and installation, as well as sound committee training is exciting news for theatre manager Lisa Rediger. "Our Magic Circle Players' mission is to present quality live theatre. Delivering this encompasses what we deliver

in terms of lights, sound, costumes, technical and performances.

Rediger says nobody knows how long the old sound equipment has been in use, but upgrading with the new system follows other recent modernizations. In recent years, the building of an addition, installation of new LED stage lighting, enlargement of the women's bathroom and renovation of the men's and women's dressing rooms took place. Also purchased: new backstage headsets so that the stage management team can be in constant communication with each other, an uncertain situation at best with the old handheld walkie talkies.

Lambda Audio Visual specializes in complete systems for church and business applications. Lambda sent a technical representative to the Magic Circle theatre to evaluate the goals and supply several estimates to fulfill the requirements of the theatre's board of governors. Two estimates were provided—a two new speaker option costing about \$16,000 and a four speaker system for about \$25,000. The board elected to go with the lesser system with the understanding that it could easily support two additional speakers in the future.

Rediger is confident that the new system will be up and running in time for the next show, *But Why Bump Off Barnaby*, that opens Friday night March 8. "I believe we will improve our theatre sound by 200 percent," she says. "Some of our most loyal supporters have told me they were hesitant to buy season tickets because



Lisa Rediger, theatre manager for Magic Circle Players, points out the five back-row seats soon to be replaced with a new audience-level sound booth. Courtesy photo.

they couldn't hear the dialog. I believe our new sound will delight everybody—audience, actors, backstage and technical."

Replenishing the theatre's accounts to offset the costs of the new equipment and booth is a goal of the theatre's board of governors. Contributions of any size—from \$20 to \$2,000 or more—will be very helpful.

An initial call for donations quickly brought in more than \$2600; and a \$500 from the Montrose Community Foundation was also welcomed.

If you would like to donate to Magic Circle Players, a non-profit 501c (3) organization, you may deliver cash or checks or credit card donations to the Magic Circle theatre staff during box office hours, or simply call the box office phone (970-249-7838) and leave their name and phone number. A staff person will return your call.

Theatre lovers are encouraged to make a point of attending the next production to hear for themselves the new sound of live theatre in Montrose. You won't believe your ears!

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RIDGWAY AWARDED \$15K TOURISM GRANT FOR VISITOR CENTER REDESIGN

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Town of Ridgway, secured a \$15,000 Colorado Tourism Office grant to redesign the Ridgway Visitor Center and Heritage Park. This grant, announced in January, was the second awarded to the Ridgway Chamber in the last six months, bringing local tourism grant funding to a total of \$30,000.

The Visitor Center, located in the 1.25-acre park at the southeast corner of Highways 62 and 550, is owned by the town and managed by the chamber. Together with the Visitor Center, the indoor and outdoor displays of the Ridgway Railroad Museum have shared the property and building for more than a decade. The train cars, photos and artifacts in the museum were the main draw for visitors.

In early 2018, the museum's outdoor displays moved to a new location on Rail-

road Street, next to the historic Railroad Depot building, and the plan is for the indoor displays to move there by 2020. Without the train cars, the Visitor Center building is now alone in a 73-year-old building on an empty lot.

"The numbers of visitors at the center dropped from 6,000 in 2017 to 4,500 in 2018, with future projections of a continued decrease in visitor numbers," said Chamber Board President Colin Lacy. "The town government and chamber started discussions last year about a potential redesign of the center and property that would effectively motivate visitors to explore Ridgway tourism assets."

The property next to the Ouray County Fairgrounds is considered the gateway to the region, as it is at the base of the San Juan Mountains, and is the first point of contact for visitors entering Ridgway from the directions of Montrose or Ouray, Lacy

added.

The CTO grant will fund the development of a strategic plan for redesigning the Visitor Center and park to meet off-peak season needs, drive visitors to explore tourism assets, adapt to the digital world of travel and better represent Ridgway's community character. The planning process will include stakeholder engagement to gather community input. The chamber and the town will seek additional outside funding for implementation of the resulting plan.

Meanwhile, the chamber is collaborating with the Ouray Tourism Office on an off-peak season promotion plan, funded by a \$10,000 CTO grant.

The goal is to enhance both Ridgway's and Ouray's current marketing programs to increase tourism from October to April to support local businesses and economic growth.

HUNTER DAVIS NAMED TO CORNELL COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

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MOUNT VERNON, IOWA-- Cornell College named 284 students to its Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester, including Hunter Davis of Montrose, CO (81401) with Highest Honors.

Twice each year--at the end of January and the end of May--the Dean of the College recognizes those students who have earned superior grades during the previous semester and enrolls them on the Dean's List based upon their semester

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LOCAL STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LIST @ FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

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DURANGO-- More than 400 students were named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester.

These students took at least 15 credits of gradable hours and achieved a 3.60 or higher grade point average. Among these were: Matthew Cascia of Montrose (81403)

Kyle Freeburg of Montrose (81401)
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WESTERN COLORADO SOIL HEALTH CONFERENCE BACK FOR 9TH YEAR

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-The 9th Annual Soil Health Conference will be held on Feb. 21 and 22 at the Delta Center for Performing Arts, located at 822 Grand Avenue in Delta.

This conference is the area's premier educational and networking event designed to educate producers, orchardists, ranchers, government officials, and the broad community about ways to increase organic matter and increase the health of our soils by using cover crop, no-till/minimum-till, green manure, grazing, composting, entomology and other sustainable practices for food and fiber production.

Nationally-renowned NRCS Soil Health Specialist and keynote speaker, Jay Fuhrer will highlight the 2019 conference. Jay will address the impact of soil health practices on forage quality for livestock, how to implement soil health practices inside high tunnels, and composting inoculants on large and small scales. Jay Fuhrer is a

Conservationist employed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in Bismarck, ND. Growing up on a small grain and livestock farm, Jay's interests have always centered on agriculture. Jay emphasizes Soil Health as a foundation for cropping systems, grazing systems, cover crops, soil biology, pollinators, insects, wildlife, and quality of life. In addition, Jay uses cover crops and livestock integration to connect the cropping and grazing systems together, raising the soil health bar even higher.

The conference will also feature Daniel and Hana Fullmer. The Fullmers practice regenerative agriculture at Tierra Vida Farm in Durango, CO and they operate a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) produce business.

Conference attendees are invited to participate in a mixture of breakout sessions applying soil health practices to rangeland, gardening, orchards, and much more.

Soil health is critical to the future of agri-

cultural production. With a contingent of concerned farmers as well as community groups and government officials, the soil health conference has been able to take soil health education and implement techniques and specifically adjust them for the local area.

As pressure on agricultural production increases, soil health practices can ensure that agricultural needs are met with sustainable production, quality and economic viability.

Shavano Conservation District (SCD) is the fiscal and administrative agent for the Soil Health Conference. Understanding that soil is a treasure, SCD in conjunction with Natural Resource Conservation Service and individuals active in the agricultural community have come together to present the 9th Annual Western Colorado Soil Health Conference.

For more information please visit www.westerncoloradosoilhealth.org or call SCD at 970-964-3582.

STEEP FINES FOR THOSE CAUGHT COLLECTING SHED ANTLERS IN WESTERN COLORADO BEFORE APRIL 30

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-- Since Jan. 1, restrictions on collecting shed antlers have been in effect on all public lands west of Interstate 25, through April 30. Additional restrictions apply in the Gunnison Basin.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials say anyone caught in possession of or collecting sheds illegally during this time - including shed horns and antlers and horns naturally attached to a skull plate - will face fines if they ignore the law. The restrictions do not apply to private lands; however, CPW officials remind everyone trespassing laws are always in effect.

The CPW Commission approved the annual restrictions in 2018, implemented to protect wintering wildlife from severe and constant stress from human activity, primarily shed collectors.

"Shed collecting has become extremely popular over the past decade because

there is a significant potential for high profit," said Area Wildlife Manager Bill de Vergie of Meeker. "That has led to a major increase in the number of collectors spreading out in areas where elk and deer are trying to find a little respite from winter. The last thing wildlife needs at this time of year are people speeding by on ATVs or snowmobiles, dogs running around off-leash and so on. It's a very serious problem."

Despite an initial focus on education last year, wildlife officers wrote several citations and seized numerous sheds from blatant violators, including trespass charges on people attempting to skirt the law by collecting sheds on private property without permission.

CPW officers say they are ramping up enforcement in 2019.

For each illegal shed, violators can expect a \$50 fine plus an \$18 surcharge. In addi-

tion, they will be assessed five points per shed against their hunting and fishing privileges. After 20 points, violators can lose their hunting and fishing privileges for up to five years. In addition, CPW officers will confiscate all illegally collected sheds.

CPW officials remind everyone about a further restriction in Southwest Colorado in GMUs 54, 55, 66, 67, and 551 where the collection of shed antlers or horns is prohibited from Jan. 1 through May 15. In addition, collection and possession are prohibited in these GMUs between legal sunset and 10 a.m. from May 1 through May 15 each year.

To report illegal wildlife activity, call your local CPW office. To remain anonymous, contact Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648. Rewards are available if the information leads to an arrest or citation.

For more information about shed collecting restrictions, visit the CPW website.



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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Centennial Meeting Room at 6pm, behind City Hall. New Watch Groups are formed and guest speakers alert us to safety issues. The public is encouraged to attend. Contact Joyce Loss at 970-249-4217 or 970-275-1329 for details.

YOGA HOUSE-Yoga House has added HIIT Yoga on Wednesday's at 5:45p AND Hot Yoga and is held on Fridays @ 4:30p.m. and Saturday's at 10a.m.; SUP (Stand up paddle board) Yoga is Held at Montrose Rec Ctr \$25/class, Held the Following Thursday's at 7p.m. Feb. 7 & 21; March 7 & 21. For more info on classes and workshops: ColoradoYogaHouse.com

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET WINTER MARKET will be open the following Saturdays 10am-1pm. open every other Saturday through April 27, 2019. We are located at Centennial Plaza - Indoor Market in the Centennial Meeting Room, 421 S. 1st Street, Building #1.

ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING-second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Includes: Presentations, photo sharing & critiques. All are welcome to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 24 hosts Bingo every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm, at the Bingo Connection, 2075 East Main Montrose. Its open to the Public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. For more info call Tom at 260-8298.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call (970)964-4375.

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Centennial Room, 431 South First in Montrose.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month. MC-GOP Headquarters at 242 E. Main. Information: 970-765-7406

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, 1980 North Townsend Ave. Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

MONTHLY-

Jan. 29-April 2- Mending Hearts GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP, Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Montrose HopeWest Office

725 South 4th Street. Mending Hearts is free of charge and open to anyone coping with the death of a loved one. Pre-registration is encouraged. For additional information or to pre-register, please call (970) 240-7734. HopeWestCO.org

Feb. 5-JJ Grey Mofro with The Commonheart, Club Red in Telluride, doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m. For tickets and info visit clubredtelluride.com and or visit locally at Telluride Music Company located at 333 W Colorado Ave and at the Venue starting at 6 PM on the night of the show.

Feb. 6-At 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Montrose Library meeting rm. Citizens' Climate Lobby meets to share Green New Deal on Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act in US Congress houses. Network for nonpartisan influence on legislators to help the environment. Also report on forest health, Citizensclimatelobby.org. 240-9146.

Feb. 6-Changing the Narrative in Colorado, A three-hour workshop is being offered on Feb. 6, 2019 from 9 am to noon at the Montrose Pavilion Event Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about and practice the effective strategies taught during the session. Registration for the workshop by Jan. 25, 2019 as space is limited. The link to register for the workshop is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/changing-the-narrative-about-aging-workshop-in-montrose-colorado-registration-54242655242>.

Feb. 6-Colorado Parks and Wildlife invites hunters and anglers to give their ideas and opinions about wildlife issues and the new big game season structure at a meeting, 6-8:30 p.m., Feb. 6 at the Delta-Montrose Electric Association building, 11925 6300 Road in Montrose. For more information, call Joe Lewandowski at 970-375-6708; or by e-mail at joe.lewandowski@state.co.us.

Feb. 7-March 28-Great Decisions, a public policy discussion group, begins at the Montrose Library on Thursday, Feb. 7. It will meet every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 through March 28 in the library meeting room. Created by the national Foreign Policy Association, this year's topics are: Global Migration; the Middle East; Nuclear Negotiations; Nationalism in Europe; Trade with China; Cyber Conflict; the United States and Mexico; and The State of Diplomacy. Discussions are supplemented by a briefing book (available to purchase or check out from the library) and a relevant video. Participation is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 249-9656.

Feb. 9-Sled dog and skijoring demo at Ridgway State Park, 11 a.m. Meet at Dallas Creek Entrance. Champion sled dog and skijoring racers Lynn Whipple and Laurie Brandt will share their passion for these sports along with their dogs! Call Visitor Center at 970-626-5822 for updates. Park pass required.

Feb. 9--Join Ouray Historian Don Paulson for a fun, informative snowshoe adventure into historic mine sites. Moderate difficulty level (elevation: 8,000-plus). Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave, Ouray, CO 81427 (from there we will carpool to CR 31) Registration: spaces are limited to 20. Do not delay, sign up now! We kindly request a \$30 donation to support our nonprofit tour hosts, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Ouray County Historical Society. Email Tanya at uwpcommunications@gmail.com to get a registration link or leave a message at 970-325-3010.

Feb. 10-2 p.m. – Afternoon Salon featuring Jan Garrett and JD Martin "Heart of Harmony" concert. Advance tickets \$40 at www.ocpag.org.

Feb. 12- Alpine Photography Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Room 100. Flash Photography By Paul Hurschmann. Sharing Theme: Portraits (3-5 images). Photo Critiques: Open & Anonymous (up to 3 images). Free and open to the public.

Feb. 20-Colorado Archaeological Society presents Casey Dukeman discussing the use of 3D camera-based photogrammetry and drones to re-search archaeological features and create fascinating models of sites and settings, 7 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street. The public is invited; free admission.

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CITY, NON-PROFITS, NEIGHBORS, GATHER AT NORTH SIDE MEETING TO TALK TRAILS, GRANTS, PARKS & RECREATION



Mirror staff report
MONTROSE-City, police, and non-profit officials welcomed community members to a neighborhood meeting at the MADA Facility at 17 NW Sixth Street on Jan. 31. to discuss opportunities for recreation, parks, trails, and grants in the LaRaza Park area. Among those presenting was City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner, above, who said that the City has applied for an Americorps grant to help neighborhood residents with repairs and cleanup chores. Hispanic Affairs Project and Housing Resources representatives were on hand to answer questions and facilitate, and Ruben Melgoza and Maria Lemus of Make Olathe Better (MOB) were there to interpret as needed. Montrose Rec District Director Ken Sherbenou brought water bottles and information on the Connect Trail Initiative. "We very much do focus on accessibility at the rec center," Sherbenou said.

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